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## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

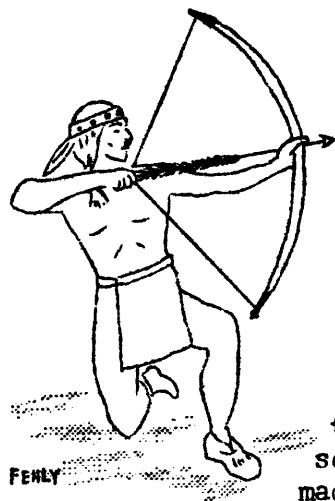
WE GIVE THEE THANKS

For love of man, for fellow man,  
For kindly words of cheer  
For friendly lifts to burdened hearts  
When life is dark and drear.  
For faith that laughs at battles lost  
And closes up the ranks  
For strength and hope, and brotherhood —  
O Lord, we give Thee thanks.

(B. Griffith)



## OUR CHIEFS AND PRINCESSES



The fun and "cut-up" division of the Obsidians takes form in the initiation of its Chiefs and Princesses. All those who have successfully climbed the Three Sisters mountains with the club become eligible to participate in the impressive ceremony of initiation - an event all members look forward to joining.

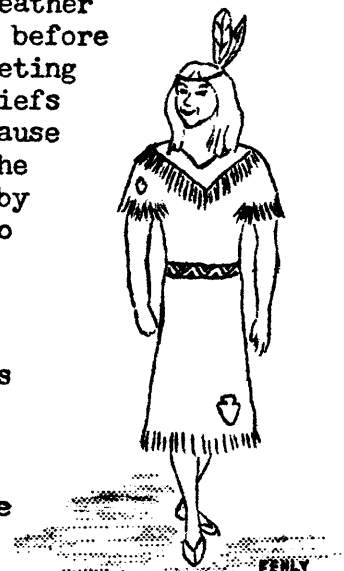
This year the climb of the North Sister witnessed 8 "pitstones" who are now bona fide Chiefs and Princesses. Their successful ascent of the North Sister completed their eligibility. Climbing the North Sister as late as September 13th gave the leader two reasons for favoring it; first, the ideal balmy weather made camping out underneath the stars the night before a pleasure, and second, there were so many completing the three mountains necessary to receive the honor of becoming Chiefs and Princesses. This year the North had more snow than usual because of the late rains and more snow fall, so the "snow-field" below the Prouty Pinnacle was large. Ray Sims as leader was ably assisted by Don Kohler, Tom Taylor and Frank Moore. These are the members who were initiated on November 14th in separate and secret meetings:

### PRINCESSES

Mildred Ball - Blue Spruce  
Gale Burwell - (no name)  
Helen Hughes - Melody  
Mary Kaneen - Grey Feather  
Beverly Lindley - Snow Crystal  
Frances Newsom - Alpine Phlox

### CHIEFS

Dave Burwell - Goosefeathers  
Keith Brunig - Lookout  
Jim Jeppesen - Eagle Scout  
Art Johnson - Bantam  
Bob Medill - Robinson Crusoe



Both groups joined at a big Obsidian potluck at the McKenzie cabin Sunday - all 56 had a wonderful time.

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\* Adeline Adams is back in Eugene and on the Obsidian Trail again after a year's absence on an assignment in Colfax, Washington. Welcome back, Adeline.

\* Thelma Watson had Board Meeting at her house t'other night and served the group home made pumpkin pie and hot cider. The Board voted to come again soon. Our thanks, Thelma.

\* Douglas Spencer has joined our club this past month. Doug, who is an attorney, has given much of his time to our club's legal problems in connection with our property. We appreciate his generous help and are happy to have him as a member.

\* Two Life Memberships have been extended to club members this year. They are Adeline Adams and Helen Smith. Folks might be interested to know that the club now has five Life Members: they include Bailey Castelloe, Glen Sims and Florence Sims.

\* Our best wishes go to Clarence and Dorothy Scherer on the arrival of a new baby daughter, Carol Anne, born November 5th. A healthy little girl, too, and with an Obsidian twinkle in her eye.

\* Louis Waldorf attended the 60th Anniversary of the Mazamas in Portland recently. Frank Branch Riley was guest speaker to nearly 300 attending the celebration. Greetings from Obsidians were extended the Mazamas. Ruth Hopson also attended.

\* All who attended our Halloween party know what a wonderful time it was - our thanks to Pete and Hana for their fine hospitality. Margaret Markley & her committee deserve highest plaudits for planning the good time - pinch hitting for Bertie McKee who was ill.

*A Message from President Carlson*

I feel it should be this Board's policy as it has been the policy of Boards of the past to make the current year the Obsidian's finest. To succeed, we must do well, as high standards have been set by the club in the past. If we are able to make this year the Obsidian's best, it will in no way reflect upon Boards of bygone years. I believe that former boards have quite naturally done successively better than their predecessors. This is due partly to the desire of the Club to move forward. It is due also to our observations of the past, especially our experimenting and our mistakes and using the resulting knowledge in guiding our future course.

To what should we apply this policy? I believe it is the desire of the entire membership that we apply it to all Obsidian activities that come before us. The load of this program must of course actually be spread throughout the membership of the Club. There are many committees within the Club each of which will want to do its best toward making this a most successful year for the Obsidians. All members should help by expressing their desires and ideas for the improvement of Club activities to Board and Committee members.

We must not lose sight of the fact that a main objective of the Obsidians is the enjoyment of our many activities. For the present Board and committees to be empowered to plan a full year of fun and enjoyment is not a duty but a privilege. Let us accomplish so much in each department that next year's Board will be hard put to surpass the mark which we set.

## TRAILINGS(Continued)

\* MEN AHEAD! At the Chief's Initiation one "pitstone" answered an elder chief who complained about his breakfast egg-"Don't yell at me, I just laid the table."

## BARN DANCE



On November 28, a Saturday Night Barn Dance will be held at Skovbo's barn. There will be square dancing, folk dancing, dance dancing, and games. Entertainment Committee assures a fine time - bring your friends!

## O U R   T R I P S

Here is a "quick" list of what our Trips Committee has in store for us "Valley Pounders" the next several weeks. Get out your calendars and circle the dates of the trips you want to make. Most important of all - tell your friends about the trips and bring them along with you. Note: all trips subject to change without sunshine.

NOV. 29: A trip around the beautifully kept University of Oregon Campus. See the buildings and many improvements made throughout the campus this past year.

DEC. 6: Mistletoe and Christmas greenery. Here is the opportunity to get your Christmas decorations and some of the wonderful "kissing green" - mistletoe - Bring your cutting equipment.

DEC. 12: Christmas Tree Hunt. An authorized area will be available to get a fine tree. Come with hatchet; come prepared to carry three home.

DEC. 20: Our Grand Christmas Party for the children. Save the date!

DEC. 27: Let's visit one another! No planned trip this weekend.

DEC. 31 - JAN. 3: New Year's Weekend Party

JAN. 10: Spencer Butte-Blanton TV Heights

JAN. 17: Willamette Ski Area.

JAN. 24: Richardson's Butte.

JAN. 31: Laurelwood Golf Club Area.

FEB. 7: Dillard Hill.

FEB. 14: Valentine Day at the Cabin.

FEB. 21: Siltcoos Outlet.

FEB. 28: Row River Dam.

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The American Ski Annual and Ski Journal is being offered Obsidian members for \$1.50 per year. Three or more at \$1.00 each. Subscription entitles folks to both publications. The Ski Journal contains much information about our Pacific Northwest.

*Remember!*

## OBSIDIAN ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 20, 1953

Washington Street Recreation Center

6:30 P. M. Dessert

## OBSIDIAN ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Obsidian Cabin Overnight Party

Thursday Evening, Dec. 31, 1953

Friday, January 1, 1954

Save this date for an evening of fun and laughter! All old-timers and new-timers are especially urged to attend and — to START RIGHT NOW inventing an unequalled, superannuated, hippopotamus-sized whopper for the ANNUAL LIAR'S CONTEST!

OUR FEDERATION  
OF OUTDOOR CLUBS

Looking back with two month's perspective upon the FWOC Convention at Echo Summit, California, we see that the Federation has had a most active year. Under the leadership of Sam Deal a great deal of good was accomplished through the year and at the Convention on problems of conservation and legislation. Over 260 members and friends were at the meeting. Dr. Ed Wayburn is the new president, and he will be an excellent one.

Besides all this, conventions are fun! I want to quote from my report at our Obsidian Annual Meeting:

"...I would like to bring to you a true picture of the Federation. Take the accomplishments of any one of our clubs and their services to the young people of the community, the conservation work done and problems solved, the pleasures of the trail, the thrills of our mountain tops; and, through it all the companionships with the people who have the same common interest and enjoy doing what we do, and the lasting friendships formed; and then multiply this to thirty-fold, and you will have the Federation! This annual convention is the "Summer Camp" of the FWOC.

"Like those who have never set their feet upon the summit of a mountain - a summit which they have attained by their own effort, or those unfortunate souls who have never experienced a club's Summer Camp or Outing, you who have never attended a Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs do not and cannot know what you are missing!"

Next year the Convention will be close to home and we should have a big delegation there. The Trails Club will be the hosts at Nesika Lodge on the Larch Mountain trail above Columbia Gorge. It is close to a mountain road, so it is easily accessible, though remote. Plan now to attend, and sign up early for the Convention trek next Labor Day. Let's learn, too, how a Convention is planned and handled so that in two or three years when the opportunity is presented again, we shall be ready to extend the invitation to come to Eugene.

Oh, yes, you can be a direct ASSOCIATE MEMBER of the Federation for only a dollar a year - and get the Federation quarterly besides helping the cause of the Federation. Just hand me your dollar and I will send it in for you. LOUIS WALDORF



## 1953-1954 COMMITTEES

At the November Obsidian Board of Directors meeting, the committee chairmen submitted for approval the following members to help them conduct club business and activities.

Members will want to keep this list for a handy reference guide. Committee members are always glad to answer any questions the membership may have, and are always glad to receive suggestions and help.

TRIPS - Thelma Watson, Chairman 5-5496

Dorothy Stahl Bob Medill

Frank Sipe Mac McWilliams

CLIMBING - Lloyd Plaisted, Ch. 5-6393

Frank Moore Tom Taylor Gale Burwell

OUTING - Gene Sebring, Ch.

Walt Banks Al Lindley

PUBLICATION - Ray Cavagnaro, Ch. 5-6704

Art Steele Bette Hack Louis Waldorf

SKI - Al Lindley, Ch. 4-8248

Due to late appointment - no committee chosen.

BUILDING - Bailey Castelloe, Ch. 4-5168

Mike Stahl Louis Waldorf

ENTERTAINMENT - Margaret Markley, Ch. 4-0716

Helen Hughes Jean Banks Margaret Wiese

June Lundy Dorothy Scherer Kathleen Eads

Mary Castelloe Nellie McWilliams

Art and Lillian Johnson Myrtle Smith

LIBRARY - Frances Newsom, Ch. 4-1298

Helen Kilpatrick Gerry Fehly

Helen Reeves

LODGE - Dorr Hamlin, Ch. 5-1148

Bailey Castelloe Glen Sims

SCIENTIFIC - Karl Onthank, Ch. 4-7839

Late appointment - no committee chosen

CAMERA - Ray Sims, Ch. 4-9546

MEMBERSHIP - Blanche Bailey, Ch. 4-9388

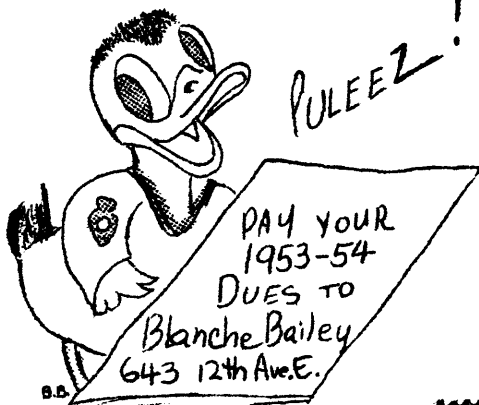
Thelma Watson Lloyd Plaisted

AUDITING - Bob Lemon, Ch. 5-1159

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Lots of people are hunting for success in life, but they don't have the gun loaded.

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## BLACK CRATER

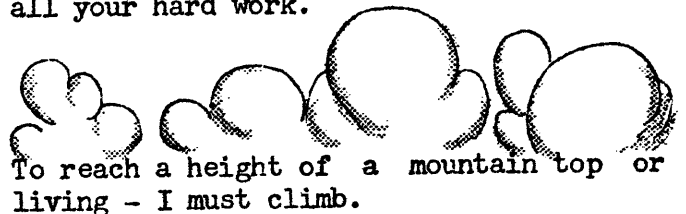
One of the most outstanding views available under the 10,000' elevation was had on the recent trip 13 Obsidians and their friends made to the summit of Black Crater. Yes, it's really a relic of a crater.

Interesting Black Crater is about 4 miles up along a good trail (if you can find it in the snow) beginning about 2 miles beyond the McKenzie Pass summit.

The group under the leadership of Ray Cavagnaro included our President — Dale Carlson, Henry Carlson, Margaret Markley, Kathleen Eads, Geri Wessels — a prospective member from Minnesota, Les Cooper, John Lauber, Henry Jeppesen, Earl Britton, Art Steele — a new member along with his son Buddy and a friend Larry Leighton. Buddy and Larry are prospective Junior members, who we hope will join our ranks soon. Just about all the Cascade peaks were visible this fine, crisp clear day, including Mt. Rainier.

## LINNTON LAKE

On November 8th, Margaret Wiese led a group of Obsidians into the very beautiful Linnton Lake area in the McKenzie country. It was a wonder "Fall" day (but literally to A A and G F who had an argument with the lava fields — and lost) and the trail was in full Fall array. The group had a leisurely hike to the lake, ate lunch and all partook of the leader's fine coffee. On the return trip a hike was made through the lava beds and around to the spectacular Proxy Falls. Those making the trip were Margaret Markley, Kathleen Eads, Geri Reimers, Adeline Adams, President Carlson, Henry Carlson, Blanche Bailey, Bernie Lehrman, June Lundy, Thelma Watson, Gerry Fehly, John Lauber, Catherine Jones, Frank Moore, Mary and Bailey Castelloe, Lloyd Plaisted, Dr. D'armond, and son David. Louie and Roxie Waldorf and Dorr Hamlin went as far as the Obsidian cabin and stopped there to repair and clean the place. We thank you three for all your hard work.



To reach a height of a mountain top or living - I must climb.

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